## MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT



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'HEART GALLERY' OF CHILDREN AWAITING ADOPTION ON DISPLAY AT MICHIGAN HALL OF JUSTICE THROUGHOUT NOVEMBER Michigan Supreme Court hosting Heart Gallery as part of Adoption Month observance; Michigan Adoption Day is Tuesday, November 24

LANSING, MI, November 2, 2009 – The "<u>Heart Gallery</u>," a photographic exhibit of Michigan children waiting to be adopted, will be on display at the <u>Michigan Hall of Justice</u> throughout November in observance of <u>National Adoption Month</u>.

In addition to hosting the Heart Gallery, the <u>Michigan Supreme Court</u> has designated November 24 as <u>Michigan Adoption Day</u>. This annual event, celebrated on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving, is expected to include courts in 30 Michigan counties this year.

The Heart Gallery, which is administered by the Judson Center, tours the state each year. This year's exhibit includes video and still photos from "Where Children Find Hope," an <u>award-winning special report</u> about Detroit's Christ Child House by the *Detroit Free Press*. The gallery's 93 still photos, contributed by 55 Michigan photographers, feature 104 children and three families.

The Heart Gallery is located on the first and sixth floors of the Hall of Justice and may be viewed Monday – Friday between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Admission is free.